

MISSIONARY CORRESPONDENCE

Hartland M. S.,

Dec. 6, 1949.

Dear Friends,

New Year Greetings to you all, and may we see the prosperity of the Israel of God this new year.

Last week-end I made three trips to our Xaba section, and had six meetings, in four different Native kraals; one of these was a Young People's meeting. The people visited seemed to appreciate these visits very much. They seemed to be impressed by my coming back to them, three days in succession. And they seemed to remember the Bible verses better than usual. I slept over night in the kraal of a Native man of some note: he is sort of a native magistrate, who has been seriously ill for over two months. He told me that at one time he thought that he was going, and he prayed that God would accept him to heaven, or something to that effect. I asked him, on what grounds did he think that God would take him to Himself? He had not given himself to God, had not had his sins forgiven and had done nothing for God: then how could he, at death, expect God to take him into heaven? He seemed to see the point. There is a tendency among some of the Native religious leaders, to try to incorporate heathenism as a part of Christianity, and to think of the ancestral spirits as the angels of heaven and thus the heathen are made to think that they are ready for heaven at death even if they have all the sins of a wicked life still recorded against them.

This man has had three wives, one is dead and two are still living. His eldest son is a grandfather already, and his youngest child, by his last wife is still under one year old. The children by this younger wife call the older wife grandmother. I think this is so as to make the old man appear young to any stranger coming to the home, making it appear that she is not his wife but is his mother.

Superstition terrifies Natives in time of sickness. This man and his youngest wife have been ill for a long time. He told me that their times of illness have been preceded by an evil dream, first they see a water-sprite, then come trains and motor cars, moving and rushing about before them: the following day they are sure to be very ill. So of course they feel that some evil doer is plaguing them with his or her enchantments. I told them that they should become Christians so that they would be delivered from such troubles.

The water-sprite is supposed to be an evil little man whose body is covered with long hair and who has some abnormal features about his body. He is supposed to live in, or near rivers and can be seen by children only. There are a few Natives who claim that they have actually seen this little creature when they were children. I once read of a case of a Native who killed a young child of the kraal under the delusion of thinking that he was killing the water-sprite which had come into one of the huts. He had been told that the water sprite was in the hut, he came, armed with a battle axe, and looking in he saw a small foot, he entered and killed the child in the gloom of that hut of heathen darkness.

One of the Christian women of that section, belonging to another denomination, said in her testimony that she had now heard for the third time a person who claimed to be ready for heaven, and testified to this while still in

health here upon earth. She said that she wished that she had such an experience herself and felt that such an experience was possible. So I trust that she will claim her inheritance in the atonement. Among these Native Christians there is that same false humility that makes them testify to a life of sin and defeat: as we sometimes hear in the homeland among Christian people. Of course I do not mean that a person who still had unforgiven sin or uprisings of the old man, should testify to a victory over these things which they had not yet experienced. But thanks be unto God there is pardon from sin and deliverance from the old man and we have a right to give clear testimony when we have such experiences, and such testimony is to the glory of God.

We continue to need your prayers and support, for those who are ill, and bereaved, and those who are still able to be active in this Missionary work. We need to remember the words of Jesus: "I must work the works of Him that sent me, while it is day: the night cometh, when no man can work. "None of us know just how much longer we have to work for the Lord, so it becometh us to do our best as long as we are able.

Greetings from us all.

Yours glad to be in the Master's service,

C. D. M. SANDERS.

LETTERS FROM OUR PASTORS

Presque Isle, Maine,

January 6, 1950.

Dear Highway:

New Year greetings to you all. Christmas has come and gone and we have entered upon a new year. We thank God for all the blessings of the past year. He has been so good to us for which we thank and praise Him. We had a very gracious Christmas at Havelock. Enjoyed very much attending our home church during our stay home. Had the privilege of preaching once in our own home church and the Mullen Trio sang twice in the U. B. church at New Tusket. We would like to thank the people of Havelock and New Tusket for the nice purse of money they gave us at a sing song which was held at our home during our Christmas vacation. It was a great surprise to us but God always has a way to supply the needs of those trusting Him for same.

We had no church to bestow upon their gifts like when we are pastor, and no one cares to have Revival Meetings around Christmas time so it's a dead loss to the evangelist so far as finance goes but as I said God has a way to supply our needs. So again we say thank you.

We would like to thank all others who so kindly remembered us at Christmas time with nearly two hundred cards besides letters and gifts of money, etc. So nice to know we are in the minds of so many people. Thank you and God bless you.

We are now at the above address, began meetings here last night. The Mullen Quartette this time instead of just the trio. We were given a hearty welcome by pastor and wife and a grand crowd to the first service.

Brother H. O. McGeorge is to be highly congratulated along with his good people for the fine church edifice and parsonage they have. We enjoyed our being with Bro. Cann at Victoria Corner, had a good meeting. Nothing over exciting, nothing popular about the arrangement, but we thank God for the goodly number that attended a holiness revival and

the 14 souls that bowed at the altar to be saved, sanctified or reclaimed.

Then with Bro. B. M. Hicks at Woodstock we had another good time. We were glad to work with a young man that seemed to have such a good spiritual vision. Also his good wife. Enjoyed working with the people of the Woodstock church, some very fine spiritual people there. We saw several there at the altar and had a good attendance all through.

We moved on to Middle Southampton with Rev. Herman Anderson for two Sundays and had a great time there. The time was too short to see much results, but there has been many a longer meeting held with less results.

We had served our term there as pastor and that was our third time there as evangelist and we have a re-call there in the spring when the roads are good to finish up the revival begun.

We covet your prayers for us in the great work of evangelism. From here we go to Jonesport, Maine, Jan. 15-29, then on to North Head, Grand Manan, N. B., for the four Sundays in February. DeVerne will be with us there for the last week.

We have open dates after Feb. 26th, anyone wanting us please write us right away.

God bless all the highway readers and especially bless our good editor.

Yours for souls,

THE MULLEN TRIO.

Londonderry, N. S.

Dear Highway Friends:

Greetings in Jesus' Name. I feel a report from this part of God's vineyard would be in order at this time.

The work here had been carried on for some time by Rev. N. E. Trafton, pastor of our church at Truro. During the past summer, tent meetings were held here, with the Mullen Trio assisting Brother Trafton. D. V. B. S. work was carried on at the same time, and at the close of the Bible School, Brother William Morgan started the Sunday School.

God saw fit for me to come here near the middle of October, to carry on the work for Him. It is our prayer that His will shall be done in and through us, to His glory. Amen.

Brother Trafton and our Superintendent, Rev. B. C. Cochrane were here on November 3rd and organized the Reformed Baptist Church of Londonderry. Eight charter members were taken into the church. Rev. Arnold Stairs, pastor of our church at Westchester, also assisted in the service.

We have prayer meeting Wednesday evening of each week. The second Wednesday night service of each month is a missionary service, although as yet, we have no Missionary Society organized. Each Friday evening we have a service for the young people. Our Sunday morning services have proved a source of help and blessing to us. The Sunday School is very encouraging. The enrollment is above fifty, and the average attendance of late weeks, above forty. May God help us and use us to win the young people, "while the evil days come not." The Sunday evening services have had a general attendance of near thirty. Although we have not seen the outward move towards God, we trust and pray that He will preach, by His Spirit, His Word to those who frequent His house, until they see their waywardness and turn to Him, the giver of life.

On the Friday evening before Christmas, we had a Christmas program with the children of the Sunday School giving an hour of spiritual

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